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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2002,
please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace page 14, line 25 - page 15, line 18,
with the following:

The antibodies which are coated on the solid phase as
well as the "second antibody" may be, as noted above,
monoclonal antibodies or polyclonal antibodies. For
example, if one chooses to utilize monoclonal antibodies,
they may be selected from 13-959-270, 14-1269-281, 14-1287-
252, 14-153-234, 14-153-462, 14-1705-225, 14-1708-269, 14-
1708-403, 14-178-125, 14-188-104, 14-283-112, 14-635-225,
14-726-217, 14-886-216, 14-947-104 and 14-945-218. The

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES are the following:

1. Amendment and Response (21 pages);
2. References as cited in Amendment and Response (2 references);
3. Request for Extension of Time (1 page) in duplicate; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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